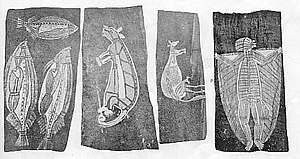
MEXICAN OR ABORIGINAL BARK PAINTING

Contemporary Aboriginal artists use a considerable variety of materials and techniques in painting. Some of these materials are rooted strongly in tradition - such as the use of ochres in the Kimberley and, to a lesser extent, ochres on bark from Arnhem Land. Other artists have adopted modern media and work with [acrylic paints](http://www.aboriginalartonline.com/methods/paint.php#acrylic) on canvas, [gouache](http://www.aboriginalartonline.com/methods/gouache.php) or ochres on [archival paper](http://www.aboriginalartonline.com/methods/paper.php) or other surfaces.

Techniques: <http://www.aboriginalartonline.com/methods/methods.php> 

Historic Bark paintings collected by Baldwin Spencer in 1912

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Sketch the design:   
  
Have some sort of design in mind for your Mexican bark painting. Use white chalk to sketch your design on the paper. Mistakes can be easily corrected when using chalk.

[](http://i.ehow.com/images/a04/q3/04/make-mexican-bark-painting-1.5-800X800.jpg)

Paint:

Paint your design in the colors of your choice. When using light colors, it helps to paint the area with white first, and then let it dry and paint the color on top of the white for better contrast. Let the paint dry completely, then outline the design using the black felt Sharpie marker.

Now you have created an authentic looking Mexican bark painting that you can give as a gift or proudly display in your home. A Mexican bark painting is an excellent project to do with [children](http://www.ehow.com/children/), because it gives them an opportunity to learn about the art of another culture.

Read more: [How to Make a Mexican Bark Painting | eHow.com](http://www.ehow.com/how_5049348_make-mexican-bark-painting.html#ixzz0tb0chP7q) <http://www.ehow.com/how_5049348_make-mexican-bark-painting.html#ixzz0tb0chP7q>